Claims

1. CHO cell transfected with an expression vector comprising a promoter that is active in CHO cells and that is driving expression of a recombinant product protein and further comprising a portion from the murine IgG 2 A gene locus DNA which portion is enhancing activity of said promoter.

2. CHO cell according to claim 1, characterized in that the vector further comprises a transcription unit encoding a selectable marker, preferably a glutamin synthetase (GS) marker.

3. CHO cell according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in the CHO cell is stably transfected.

4. Method of expressing a recombinant protein, comprising the steps of

   a. culturing a CHO cell transfected with an expression vector comprising a promoter active in CHO cells driving expression of a recombinant product protein and further comprising the murine IgG 2 A gene locus DNA or a DNA sequence variant or DNA fragment thereof which is enhancing activity of said promoter, and
   b. harvesting the product protein

5. Method according to claim 4, characterised in that the promoter is a strong viral promoter, preferably the hCMV promoter.

6. Method according to one of claims 4 or 5, characterised in that the IgG 2A gene locus portion does lack the natural immunoglobulin promoter.

7. Method according to claim 4, characterised in that the promoter is hCMV promoter or a functional part thereof having promoter activity wherein said promoter or functional part lack the 'modulator' sequence in the upstream/enhancer portion as found stretching from position -750 to -1150 relative to the MIE transcription start site..

8. CHO cell transfected with a mammalian expression vector comprising at least a first transcription unit for a product gene which transcription unit is under the control of the

mCMV promoter, and further comprising a second transcription unit comprising a glutamine synthetase (GS) marker gene.